

THREATENED A JUDGE

Parents Hatred for Their Son.

An Interesting Scene in Court.

The Judge Made a Pres- ent of the Youth.

BUT HE DECLINES HIM, AND INSISTS ON THE PARENTS TAKING CARE OF THE BOY.

The attempt on the part of several parents in Oakland to get a home for their boys in the State reform schools got a severe setback in Judge Ogden's court yesterday afternoon. His honor maintained that the reform schools were not maintained for the purpose of giving homes to boys and girls, as many people seemed to think. The Judge declared that parents were too frequently forgetting the obligations they owed to their children, and, so far as he is concerned, he said that he was determined to baffle every attempt to railroad an Oakland child into the reform school.

Judge Ogden was exceedingly angry when he made the remarks, because he had just been made a present of a fifteen-year-old boy. The lad, a bright-looking fellow, was in court, and his parents said they had no more use for him, so they gave him to the Judge. The latter, however, had no use for the youth, and he declined to accept the present. The boy was left a homeless wanderer when the Judge would not take him, and he was turned out into the street. The case was a peculiar one and excited much interest in court. Andrew Sparman, who owns a small factory at Lorin, and his wife got tired of keeping their son Ard Anderson. They said he was lazy and would not work. What is more, he did not care to go to school. He would occasionally wander away from home for several hours, but he always turned up all right. The parents got tired of supporting him and thought that the State could very well take care of him at the Whittier Reform School. They brought the lad down to the Courthouse during the afternoon and swore out a complaint charging him with being an incorrigible. The lad did not know the meaning of the proceeding, but he soon found out that an attempt was being made to send him away from home.

Judge Ogden heard the little fellow's story and he was touched by it. The lad said that he hated to be sent to the reform school as he was not a bad boy. He knew that he could get along all right if his parents would only treat him well and give him a chance. The Judge came to the conclusion that Ard Sparman was a very clever little fellow and that some mistake had been made in trying to send him to the reform school. His honor told the boy that he was free and that he could go home with his parents.

When the father heard this announcement he got wild with rage. He jumped from his seat and went toward the Judge in a threatening manner. He declared that the ruling of the Court was an outrage and that he did not propose to stand it. Shaking his finger at the Judge on the bench, he

said: If you think the boy is so fine you can keep him. We do not want him nor will we have him at our home. Take the boy and do what you please with him.

Mr. Sparman was now reinforced by his wife who made a wordy attack upon the Judge. She said that they had no place for their son in their home and that the Judge could keep him. It was an exciting scene for a moment as the husband and wife were bombarding the Judge for his decision. Judge Ogden got worked up by their talk, and then he turned loose on the father.

You ought to be ashamed of yourself to treat your son in this manner! remarked the Judge. Now, I order you to take your son home and give him a bed and three meals a day. You seem to have no affection for your boy. You take that boy and carry out the obligation you owe him as a parent.

Sparman defied the Judge, and would not take his son home. I will not take him home, said he; the boy can go where he pleases, but I have no use for him.

Judge Ogden declared that his orders must be obeyed. You will take him home said his honor. Not only that, but you must provide for him; you owe it to the boy as a parent.

Mr. Sparman and his wife began another attack on the Judge, and in the middle of it they were shut off and ordered out of the courtroom. The proceedings were dismissed and the boy was told that he was free. The little fellow was ignored by his parents and he was allowed to wander into the streets. Judge Ogden says that he does not propose to have boys railroaded to the Reform School through his court. He has just grasped the idea that many people are now waiting to have their boys sent away. By placing them in the Reform School trouble and expense is saved to the family.

There will be a change, however, in commitments, as far as Alameda county is concerned. When a case comes before Judge Ogden hereafter he will insist on the most rigid examination.

Jones of Nevada Writes.

It is very seldom that Senator Jones of Nevada is heard from. His speech on the silver question several years ago caught the public attention in such a manner that he has been floating upon the strength of it ever since.

He has been sick of late with la grippe and that has affected his heart. However, he has been able to write some public letters and in one of them says: "If all the silver delegates would bolt from the republican convention when the gold-standard man is named as all the gold delegates will surely do from the democratic convention if a silver man is named, we could not have a more fortunate situation created for us. We should then for the first time have a fair field and a square issue. The silver delegates to the republican convention must be made by their constituents to understand that it is absolutely essential that they bolt. That would be their only logical course if they are sincere in their present statements to the effect that they believe the republican convention will name a free-coinage man."

It is evident from the above that Senator Jones has come to the conclusion to pass beyond his early education in convention matters. He means to convey by the above if the Republican Convention, when it meets, does not do exactly what he and his immediate friends desire then they will kick. This looks very much like telling the Republican Convention what they must do, before they meet. The Republican Party does not want men

of that kind in their conventions. There are always many ideas among a large body of men when called together for deliberation and it has always been the custom for the majority to rule. It will be the case when the next national Republican Convention meets and they will not knowingly admit disorganizers in the midst of their deliberations.

Mr. Ed. Donnelly's Goat.

There is no telling how high the education of an animal may extend. Some of the brute creation are more susceptible of learning than others. Again, a person takes an animal as a pet and teaches him in a small way to do things that belong to the province of the human family. Without thinking that it requires a great deal of patience to teach a child and a vast deal more to make the brute creation understand even very simple things, the most of people get tired and abandon further efforts in this way.

Now if a good, patient teacher should happen to hit upon an animal that was quick of apprehension and in fact appeared to learn quicker than some members of the human family, and that teacher would continue on with his pupil in the same way that a boy or girl is forced to learn the higher branches of education, could it not be possible to make a member of the brute creation equal in intelligence to the average human being. Of course all circumstances must be favorable to arrive up to such a point.

Mr. Ed. Donnelly, who is so well known all over Berkeley on account of his connection with the Alameda Water Works, has a goat which he has been teaching as time permitted him, that approaches in knowledge very close to the human being. It is not proposed here to enumerate the many things which the animal has been taught to do, even without the long and patient working that most of animals require.

Sometime during the summer when the animal gets a little farther along in his instructions, Mr. Donnelly will not probably have any objection to let the public see what a goat can do after being educated. People will be surprised. It will only be for the benefit of some worthy charitable object that this gentleman would consent to appear in public. To a few friends he has already shown how much the animal has learned in a short time.

Sacramento Wants the Celebration.

At the meeting of the Native Sons' Council in Oakland next Monday the delegates from Sacramento will be prepared to lay before that body a generous offer to induce them to celebrate Admission day in this city on the 9th of next September. A committee from the Sacramento parlor has taken hold of the matter and has already received promises of \$3000, with as much more in sight.

In the programme for entertainment that will be laid before the council will be an appropriate entertainment at Sutter's Fort and an excursion to Folsom to the new water power and electric light plant. The committee feels hopeful of being able to offer effective inducements to bring the 11,000 or more members of the order to that city during the State fair.

Real Estate Transfers.

W. C. Bartlett to Beatrice H., wife of Thomas S. Winter, portion of lots 17 and 18, block C., Suburban tract, quit claim deed.

Charles A. and Alice C. Bailey to Gotarde Valente, north 15 feet of lot 12 and south 10 feet of lot 11, block 104 Allston tract.

Li Hung Chang left Japan for China yesterday.

PRETTY AND DEMURE

Two Alameda People Ar- rested in New York.

For Appearing in Public as Bronze Models.

Charged with Outraging Public Decency.

WRIT OF CERTIORARI IN THE R. THOMAS CASE—OTHER INTER- ESTING LOCAL NEWS.

Pretty and Demure.

The trial of Bessie Stanton, Perham Nahl and Otto Kohler, the latter two of quiet Alameda, Cal., who pose as bronze statues, in the nude, and Rudolph Aronson, manager of the Casino, where the trio nightly appear in paint, was called after several adjournments today in the Court of Special Sessions. The suit was dismissed. Police Justices Hogan, Meade and Feitner were on the bench. Colonel James and Maurice Mayer were the counsel for the defense and assistant District Attorney McIntyre conducted the prosecution.

The charge against the four defendants was that of outraging public decency. Last night Mr. McIntyre at the direction of Colonel Fellows, visited the Casino and personally inspected the living statues. He did not tell how the representation affected him. Miss Stanton did not seem to be bothered by the large crowd that followed her into the courtroom. Another crowd followed the male models, but Rudolph Aronson came in unattended. The fair defendant looked as well-groomed and as pretty and demure a maiden as one would care to see.

Writ of Certiorari.

James Thomas has applied for a stay of proceedings in the matter of the appraisal of homestead at La Loma Park pending the further order of the Supreme Court. Upon an application of T. C. Stetler for a writ of certiorari an order has been issued staying any further proceedings in the matter of the insolvency of R. P. Thomas by John Chetwood Jr., under a writ of execution until the proceedings complained of by Stetler be reviewed. Judge Frick has been required to appear before the Supreme Court at 10 a. m., on Monday, April 29th, to show cause why a writ of certiorari should not be issued as prayed for in an affidavit of T. K. Stetler.

In the Courts.

Business in Judge Lord's Court has been remarkably quiet all week. Justice Shaw is now sitting for Justice Clift in Oakland and the attaches of his Court take whatever Berkeley business there may be down there.

There has been no arrests for any serious offences this week which has come to the knowledge of the reporter.

The GAZETTE has been informed Engineer Huggins rode over the side walk in three different places going from the Town Hall to Shattuck avenue and this has formed the basis for three different actions. It makes it pretty expensive when the cost of getting justice is multiplied in this way.

Joseph Boardman is an independent candidate for the office of School Director from the Fifth Ward and has filed his petition with the Town Clerk.

GAZETTELETS.

Leave your orders for the Berkeley Steam Laundry at Kelsey's Drug Store.

Scarcity of cattle in the West is the cause of the recent rise of beef.

About 386 pictures have been hung for show at the San Francisco Art Association's spring exhibition.

The Twelve o'clock Club of Lorin gave another of their delightful socials at Lorin Hall last evening.

The first lot of fully ripe cherries were shipped East from Vacaville yesterday. More will follow daily.

A large meteor was seen at Tracy at five minutes before 7 o'clock last evening.

Coal oil fell from \$2.62 to \$2.10 yesterday in the Oil City Exchange Board.

Mrs. Ella Forsyth whose whereabouts for several days have been unknown is reported to be somewhere in the southern part of the State.

LOST—A little pug dog from residence on Eighth street, between Bancroft way and Allston way. Finder will please notify this office.

Miss Mary Cowan, an attractive young school teacher in Los Angeles, mysteriously left her home early on Tuesday morning and nothing has been heard of her since.

The Spreckels sugar refinery in Philadelphia which has been shut down for a couple of weeks by order of the sugar trust, has started up again with a reduced force.

Mention was made in the GAZETTE last week of a white girl's marrying a Chinaman at Kansas City. It is now reported that her father has gone crazy on account of it.

The Harbor Commissioners of San Francisco are not satisfied with the office occupied by that body for many years, and will advertise for rooms in another location.

China is to pay Japan \$300,000,000 in Mexican silver, which is equal to about half that sum in gold. Should the whole amount be paid in silver it cannot help affecting the American market for that metal.

The Iron and Steel Sheet Manufacturer's Association at Pittsburg, Pa., raised the price on all finished products \$2 per ton yesterday. It is probable that on July 1, 1895 another raise of a like amount will be made.

The Hawaiian government has secured the services of R. H. McLean, an ex-naval officer, to command its army with the rank, pay and allowances of a Colonel in the United States Army.

The Governor will tomorrow appoint F. H. Dickson to the position of Port Warden of San Diego, vice J. H. Palmer. Tomorrow he will also appoint the third Superior Judge of Sacramento county.

The People's Home Bank will have to pay E. A. Walcott \$3000 with the addition of interest and costs of suit. The attachment was put on when the bank was solvent and Judge Sanderson says it must pay.

Now that the principal fangs have been drawn from the lottery business the city papers might do some good by kicking against the horse racing gamblers. It is fully as large a thieving operation as the lottery business.

Professor W. Flinders Petrie, the distinguished Egyptian geologist, declares that recent excavations made in the district thirty miles north of Thebes, pointed to the existence 3000 years before Christ of a race quite distinct from the Egyptians.

Plans of an experiment that is being made in Russia upon a new war vessel to be built with triple screws have been

received by the Navy Department at Washington, D. C. There will be two heavy twin screws connected with the most powerful engines, to be used for obtaining a very high rate of speed, while the outer screw will be used only for securing moderate speed. The twin screws can be uncoupled and will revolve in the water when not in use.

The floral exhibition in Santa Barbara is now open and great crowds of people are attracted to the show.

The Grand Commandery of Knights Templar will meet in the Masonic Temple in San Francisco today.

The Pacific Coast Fire Chiefs' Association met in Los Angeles yesterday and elected officers for the coming year.

A federal court in Chicago has decided that telegraph companies must be allowed to use the streets for their poles.

Connie or Frank Kloss stabbed William F. Deady, a gardener, while sitting in a chair asleep in a grocery saloon in San Francisco yesterday.

Earthquake shocks were felt at Vacaville at 12:30 yesterday and at Virginia, Nevada, at 6 o'clock in the evening.

The Call today shows by illustration how pictures are sent by telegraph, and one of the exhibits at the Fiesta in Los Angeles last evening is also in that paper.

The grand jury of San Francisco filed charges yesterday with the District Attorney against Police Judge Campbell for releasing a prisoner on "straw bonds," knowing them to be such as charged, and demanding his impeachment.

Mrs. Martha Thompson as Martha Taylor in 1861 deposited \$700 with the Hibernia bank in San Francisco. She now shows up and proves ownership and demands the money with interest. The amount \$11,271.20 will be paid her.

The Spring exhibition of the San Francisco Art Association will be inaugurated this evening at the Mark Hopkins Institute of Art. It will continue open for five weeks, after April 18th, during the day, and every Thursday evening, when there will be a musical entertainment under the direction of Mr. Henry Heyman.

The State Board of Horticulture met yesterday and elected officers for the next two years. There is only about \$3300 on hand for the commission to use and that will not go a great ways. Governor Budd refused to sign the legislature bill appropriating \$20,000 for the use of the commission.

School Census Marshals Scotchler and Kerns have commenced their work and it is hoped that they will be afforded all the assistance possible in getting the number of children in Berkeley. A few that are of school age being omitted from the report will cause the Board of Education to lose quite an amount of money from the State and this cannot be afforded.

A petition is being circulated today to have the name of W. R. Dickieson placed upon the ballot at the coming election for the position of School Director for the Seventh Ward. The petition gets signers wherever it is presented as Mr. Dickieson is well and favorably known, particularly in the west end of the town.

Berkeleyans will be surprised to see Allston way, above Shattuck avenue, placed in a passable condition for teams or a railway. It will happen some day and then the Telegraph avenue street car line will be able to reach the center of East Berkeley. This will make a competition with the Oakland Consolidated road which can hardly be said to now exist.

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EX-SECRETARY JOHN W. FOSTER evidently regards the arrangements between China and Japan as settled, for he has cabled to his wife that he will be home by June 1st. Foster will probably get a big fee from both parties as he must have exhibited rare diplomatic skill to bring the Chinese so soon to accept the heavy terms imposed by Japan. Foster had great difficulty, according to all reports, in bringing the second embassy to any proper understanding of the fundamental principles of diplomacy. In fact, debate ran so high that the sound of Foster's voice could be heard outside his hotel as he laid down the law to the two Chinese who were refused an audience by Count Ito.

A CARLOAD of flowers and palms were sent from Los Angeles to New York a couple of weeks ago and the venture proved a financial failure for the reason that the car instead of being sent right through was delayed for several days. The palms found no sale as they were intended for Palm Sunday, and did not arrive until two or three days after. Of the 20,000 calla lilies only about 4000 were saleable. The marguerites were in good condition and found ready sale at \$3 per hundred. It is to be hoped that the failure of the first carload will not stop what promises to be quite an industry, for it was demonstrated that had the flowers arrived in good condition the venture would have paid well. The failure was due to the Railroad Company, which failed to send the car through on time.

JUDGE OGDEN has set an example to the other Superior Judges of this State in the matter of committing boys and girls to the Reform School. He said that parents forgot their obligations that they owed to their children and tried to palm them off on the State. He yesterday stated that the Reform Schools were not erected and maintained for the purpose of giving homes to boys and girls whose parents do not desire to be bothered with them. His remarks were occasioned by an attempt of Andrew Sparman and wife, of Lorin, to have their fifteen-year-old boy placed in the Reform School. When Judge Ogden had heard the evidence against the boy he dismissed the charges and told the boy he was free. This angered the father and mother and they informed the Judge that he could keep the lad as they had no use for him. The Judge declined the present and told Mr. and Mrs. Sparman to take the boy home and give him a good bed and three meals a day. The parents declared that they would not take the boy home and that he could go where he pleased for all they cared. The Judge then got mad and stated that he would see that the parents did take care of their boy as they were responsible for bringing him into the world. He further stated that all cases of this kind that came before him again would be rigidly examined before a commitment was made.

THE Standard Oil Company has made another advance in the price of coal oil, naphtha, and gasoline, and the consumers of oil and oil products on this coast have been made to once more feel the heavy hand of the monopoly. Since the combination of the big corporation with W. P. Fuller & Co. by which it is understood the latter firm agreed to give the Standard Oil Company a clear field on this coast, the price of oil has increased very materially. This fact has not astonished the dealers, however, for as the monopoly controls all the oil of the country, those who buy its products fully expected to be cinched just as soon as the opposition to the monopoly had been removed. Several increases in price have been made during the past few weeks, the monopoly

evidently having determined to apply a steady and increasing pressure whereby the people will be compelled to pay in full the amount of bonus which may be paid to W. P. Fuller & Co. and also to give ample recompense for the reductions the oil company had to make during the contest it had with Whittier, Fuller & Co. The direct result of all this is made by the monopoly, will of course be felt by the consumers who will be compelled to refund with goodly percentage to the dealer, any increase in weight the corporations make against him. It is not known how high the rate will go, but it will be sufficiently high, so that coal oil will be quite a luxury.

THE INCOME TAX.

It is understood in Washington, though the Commissioner of Internal Revenue will authorize the statement, that ten per cent of the persons in the United States who are liable to pay a tax on income under the act of 1894 have not made any return of their incomes. The result will be an assessment of the 50 per cent penalty in most of the cases, as the officers of the Internal Revenue Department must enforce the law so long as it remains on the statute books.

There will be no difficulty in enforcing the payment of the tax and penalties, since the power of distraint and sale is given to the officers charged with the collection of the tax. Distraint, it need hardly be said, is a very summary process whereby the tax collector seizes any property of the delinquent he can find and holds it until a tax is paid, or, in case of default, sells the property for the tax and accrued penalties and costs.

The tax will have to be paid this year, since there is no probability that the United States Supreme Court will reverse or modify its recent decision between now and the first day of July, which is the last day for payment. It is probable that many will pay the tax under protest, but even then the possibility of recovering it from the United States, even if the law should be declared unconstitutional, is very remote. It is difficult to make a government pay back money after it has once got its hands upon upon it, as creditors of every nation know only too well.

Probably the best, simplest and cheapest way will be to pay the tax this year, and then see that the law is repealed before another levy can be made under it. It is in every respect an unpopular and obnoxious tax, and while it may stand this year as a monument to Democratic financial stupidity and incompetency, it should be gotten out of the way just as soon as a Republican Congress convenes.—S. F. Chronicle.

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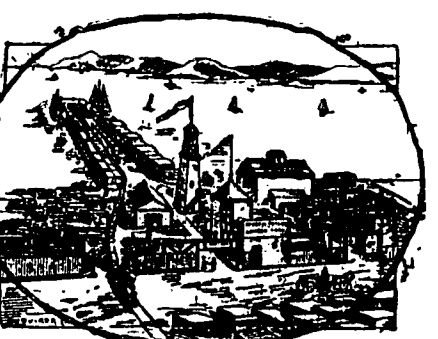
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The estate of the late Calvin W. Kellogg of San Francisco is approximately valued at \$180,000.

The tides now are running very low and a large amount of the mud flats at West Berkeley are left exposed in consequence.

Sam Fisher's skating rink will only be open Tuesday evenings in Sistrina Hall. The Friday evening skate will be done away with for the time being.

The revenue cutter Commodore Petry and Fourth of July are both coming. Possibly they will reach California about the same time.

The grand chapter of the Royal Arch Mason of California elected its officers for the ensuing term yesterday. Adolphus Hewel of Modesto is the Grand High Priest.

Killing children by electric cars seems to be altogether too frequent. Every day or two the death of some small child is announced. No one seems to be to blame except the party who gets killed.

The U. S. treasury secret service agent, F. R. Harris complains that the telegraph wires have been tapped and one of his messages leaked out. If the tapper gets caught it will go hard with him.

The law enacted by the last Congress, for the prohibition of the lottery business in the United States is very stringent and the dealers in that kind of goods are feeling the effects of it.

All of the manufactories in West Berkeley are running today under a full head of steam. This makes the West End look as if there was a good of life existing there yet.

Memorial Day is not a great ways off. If Berkeley intends to make any display on that occasion there is no time to spare to get matters into shape.

The engine that was pulling the Sacramento local met with an accident this morning just as it was coming into West Berkeley and the train was delayed until a yard engine arrived from the mole to pull the disabled engine and train to their destination.

The Examiner special car which has been out through the San Joaquin valley for the past ten days whooping it up for the Valley Railroad, passed through Berkeley this morning on its return trip. Its mission was very successful.

When it came to be known that forty-six members of the Reliance Club in Oakland had been blacklisted on account of non-payment of dues there was quite a little outburst of indignation. The list is placed in a conspicuous position in the club rooms. Some of those suspended are quite prominent men in public life.

A. B. Parker, T. L. Hobson, James Palache, G. W. Klinke and Professor W. A. Merrill have been elected vestrymen of St. Mark's Episcopal Church. As delegates to the diocesan convention James Palache, Professor W. A. Merrill, Professor C. M. Gayley, William T. Welcker and Brewton A. Hayne were chosen.

Leave your orders for the Berkeley steam Laundry at Kelsey's Drug Store.

NOTICE.

Dissolution of Partnership.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between R. L. Agers and John J. K. Koughan, under the firm name and style of R. L. Agers & Co., near the corner of Dwight way and Telegraph avenue, in the Town of Berkeley, Alameda County, California, is this day dissolved by mutual consent.

All bills payable and receivable will be attended to at the former place of business of said firm.

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A fat old woman toddled down to meet me, her broad face shining with whale oil, her dress inside out to keep it clean, her husband's hair in a bunch on top of her head, her toes turned in and her elbows turned out. I felt that I had fully realized my ideal.

With convulsive giggles she grasped my hand firmly in one of hers. With the other she patted me affectionately on the shoulder. Evidently I impressed her as presenting an utterly absurd appearance, for after looking me all over she would shut her eyes, shake her head from side to side and go off into a fit of laughter.

Soon afterward another woman joined her, the wife of one of the chiefs. She was really pretty. Her teeth were even and white, her hands and feet shapely, her eyes of a dark hazel color, and a pretty tinge of red showed through the clear olive brown of her cheeks. Her black, heavy hair was plaited on each side of her head in a short doubled braid, and she had a huge knot on top of her head that looked like a handle. This is made from the hair from the crown of the husband's head, which is shaved periodically and collected to add to the wife's topknot.

This woman wore a beautifully sewed and elaborately trimmed dress made of reindeer skin with the hair on. It consisted of a skirt, reaching to the middle of the thigh, and trousers and shoes made in one garment, the trousers of the white, short hair of the legs of the deer, and shoes or moccasins of dressed sealskin. The upper garment was trimmed with bands of white deerskin and stripes of wolverine fur, and the immense hood, in which the babies are carried, was edged with wolf's fur. An ermine skin, with head and claws still on, and an eagle's feather were attached to the hood as ornaments.

From her waist was suspended a cord of whalebone, to which were fastened needles, seam presser, shuttle for making nets—all of walrus ivory—and little thimbles of sealskin shaped like the end of a glove, with the side seams opened and fastened to the forefinger by a loop of the skin.—Outing.

WEDLOCK IS DIFFICULT.

Many Preliminaries Before the Married State May Be Entered.

It is possible Mark Twain might have spared his sneer at French marital affairs had he understood how difficult it is to enter the condition of wedlock in the land of Bourget and Blouet. Months are sometimes consumed in the arrangement of preliminaries.

Under the French law a girl may not marry until she is over 15 years old, and a man until he is more than 18. Men under 25 and women under 21 must have the consent of their fathers and mothers. After that age the consent of the father alone is necessary. The father may withhold his consent for three months. The son or the daughter must ask him three times. If he refuses the third time and both are of legal age, they may be married without the paternal blessing. When the woman is 25 and the man is 30, they are required to ask the father only twice. The asking must be through a notary, who makes an official record of the fact.

After having waited for the approval of the head of the home and received it, the patient French lovers must post at the mairie of their arrondissement on two successive Sundays the announcement of their intention, and that if anybody has any objection, he or she shall file it with the mayor or his assistant. If nobody has objection, the lovers may be united three days after the posting of the second notice. If there should be objection, the mayor looks into it. This investigation may take another week. If the objection turns out not to be legal, Armand and Susette may stand up before the mayor, sign their names in a big book, and get out a certificate. If they are good Catholics, they will go to the priest and get married again.

A citizen of France who returns to his country with the intention of living there, after marrying in a foreign land, must, within three months after his return, have his certificate registered at the office of the mayor nearest the place where he resides.—Chicago Times-Herald.

St. Patrick's Purgatory.

According to the medieval legend, there was an entrance to purgatory on the island of Lough Derg, on the coast of Ireland. It was simply the mouth of a common cave or cavern, but St. Patrick is said to have built a monastery over it and to have secured the opening with an immense grating iron door. The place became widely known as "St. Patrick's purgatory" and it was generally believed that any one who had the courage to explore the pit would be exonerated the trial of passing through the real purgatory after death. The fame of the place was largely due to a poem written in 1158 by Henry of Saltery which pretended to relate the experience of Sir Owayne Miles, who had embraced the opportunity of expiating his crimes in its darksome depths.

In the year 1496 a monk from Holland visited the celebrated shrine and afterward declared that what was claimed for it was a "travesty on religion," and that the so-called "purgatory" differed in no respect from dozens of other known caverns. This news was conveyed to the pope, who ordered the monastery destroyed and the cavern closed up. This order was carried out to the letter on St. Patrick's day, 1497.—St. Louis Republic.

On the Road.

The highwayman had called the good gentleman from his steed and at the point of his arquebus was compelling him to render unto seler the things that were not seler's. The good gentleman protested, for he was rich in plunder and was loath to give up to the robber. But the robber was greatly pleased with the situation and calmly proceeded to fill his pockets from the pockets of his victim.

"My friend," pleaded the good gentleman, "it is not meet that you should thus take my money, my watch and my jewels."

"I should say it wasn't," replied the robber, his eyes sparkling with greed and glee. "I should say it wasn't meet. It's pie."

Having secured all the good gentleman possessed, he added his richly caparisoned steed to his other accumulations and rode away laughing merrily.—Detroit Free Press.

A Wooden Clock's Long Run.

Nathan Allgood of Roswell, Ga., has a clock which has been running and keeping correct time for 180 years and has never been out of repair but once. During the war a Yankee soldier broke a cog out of one of its wheels, which gave it a year's rest. Mr. Allgood had it repaired, and it is now doing full duty. The running gear is all of wood.—Savannah News.

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FOND OF THE LETTER H.

Men Use It For an Initial in Names When Any Other Would Do.

"It's a peculiar thing," said the knowing clerk in a hotel which is noted more for its hospitality than it is for its inequalities into the character of its guests, "it's a peculiar thing the fondness that the average man has for the letter H as an initial. Now I don't suppose that there are more middle names beginning with H than with any other letter, M or R or S or E, but nine men out of ten, if they are in doubt about a middle initial, decide on H. Now my middle initial is W, but for every letter I get, except from people I know well, that has my initial right I get three in which it is put down H. It's very seldom, too, that you'll find a man with sufficient strength of character to leave out the middle initial of the man he's writing to if he doesn't know it, so he claps in an H and lets it go. There seems to be a prevailing superstition that a man isn't just what he ought to be unless he has a middle name, and that the chances are very strong that name begins with the eighth letter of the alphabet.

"Now here's another instance. Cast your eyes over this page of our register. That is mostly late guests who drop in here late at night and sign names other than their own. See the result, 'Charles H. Jones,' 'John H. Smith,' 'George H. Robinson,' 'A. H. Brown,' 'F. W. Brown,' and so on. There are ten names on that one page the middle initial of which is H. Now that letter isn't any easier to write than any other letter; it certainly isn't any more ornamental, and I can't see that in any respect it has an advantage over the rest of the alphabet. Yet the human race sticks to it with a fidelity worthy of a more important cause. I'd like to have some wise man tell me why."—New York Sun.

TABLE MANNERS.

How They Have Been Evolved Out of Savage Customs.

How did table manners arise? Where do they come from? Like Topsy and other human institutions, they "just grew." And it is surprising how slow of development has been the sentiment of cleanliness and neatness which was the principal cause of the invention of the implements and dishes used in serving food and eating.

In good old paleolithic times, when human beings were always within 24 hours of starvation, man ate only with his fingers. He hunted for his food in the woods or by the seashore, and he plucked the bones clean. Two table articles are found among uncivilized people—the knife and the spoon. The knife was originally a weapon of attack and defense. It was used for cutting and carving flesh, but its convenience in eating soon became apparent.

The origin of the spoon is uncertain. It must have been invented at a very ancient date, for it is found among people that have never come into contact with civilization. The necessity of having some implement for dipping water seems to have led first to the invention of the calabash or the use of the coconut shell and later on to the spoon.

We must wait 4,000 years before we find the fork. Or, as a French writer on table etiquette has said, "from the creation of the world to the beginning of the seventeenth century man ate only with his fingers." This is, however, a mistake of 400 years, for we find forks as early as the thirteenth century, when they are mentioned as being kept for special purposes. Thus John, duke of Brittany, is said to have used a fork to pick up "soppys," and Piers Graveston had three for eating pears with.—Lee J. Vance in Lippincott's.

The Age For Marrying.

"If things keep on this way, we won't have any grandfathers and grandmothers in 50 years," observed a man who had been running his eyes along the list of marriage licenses.

"Look here, in this list of 84 licenses all but two of the men are more than 28 years old, and all but two of the women are above 18. It would seem that the average age of a groom these days is 30, while the bride is but two or three years younger."

He ran over the ages and found that the average age of the groom was 28 and of the bride 27.

"Now, what does that mean?" he continued. "A man does not marry until he is 30. If he has sons and daughters, they will not reach the marrying age until he is at least 60, and if he hopes to see his grandchildren grow up he must live to be at least 80 or 90."

"In the country where I was born people married young, and it wasn't uncommon to have grandmothers who were less than 40 years old. But if 80 is to be the marrying age in Chicago we will at least have to get along without great-grandfathers."—Chicago Record.

A Grand Improvement.

A.—What is that curious machine that Count M. has had constructed on your recommendation? He tells me the thing cost a lot of money, but he is delighted at its beneficial effect on his health. What is it for?

B. (Count M.'s medical adviser).—The machine is intended to pump fresh air from outside into the close and stuffy library where the count spends most of his time.

A.—Yes, but wouldn't it do just as well if the windows were opened?

B.—Certainly, but my occupation as the count's family doctor would be gone if I dared to suggest anything so simple.—Bunties Allerlei.

Ocean Derelicts.

The distance which derelicts traverse is much greater than is generally supposed. A careful record of observations has resulted in the preparation of a chart which shows that the bulk of the schooner Fanatic E. Wolston has drifted during the last five years more than 10,000 miles. This calculation is based on 46 reports of its having been sighted. Another derelict, which began its wanderings in 1891, drifted about 8,500 miles up to the time it was last seen, when it had been afloat 615 days. The W. L. White, another floating terror of the sea, roamed over the north Atlantic for 810 days, covering in that time about 6,000 miles.—New York Tribune.

Reciprocity.

Mrs. Nuwed—I want to confess something to you, dearest. I deceived you about my age; it is more than I told you.

Mr. Nuwed—Then I may as well reciprocate, darling. I deceived you about my income; it is less than I told you.—London Tit-Bits.

His Motto.

Jinks—There's a man whose motto is, "Pay as you go."

Winks—An excellent motto. Who is he?

Jinks—He's a railroad president and never gives passes.—New York Weekly.

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